

**Minutes of the
Work Session
&
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday
November 2, 2016**

Board members present: Chairman, Roberta Fraser, Jack Marsh, Herbert Stephens, Ben Kilanski and Raymond Williams. Also present, Amy Bond, Chief Phillips, Lieutenant Tollett, Gene Park, Dale Gray & Rick Meleski.

First order of business: Nonpublic under RSA 91:A3II9 (a)(c)(e)

The Chairman opens the meeting at 6:00pm. Selectman Marsh makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under (a)(c)(e), Selectman Kilanski seconds. The motion passes 5-0. A roll call vote was taken and members vote "yes" individually and the board convenes in non-public at 6:00 pm.

The board reconvenes in public session at 7:05 pm.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to seal the minutes under (c) Selectman Williams seconds the motion. A roll call vote was taken and members vote "yes" individually. The motion passes 5-0.

Second order of business: Business and minutes

The board reviews the minutes of 10-26-16 for approval. Selectmen Williams makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Kilanski seconds the motion. Selectman Marsh stated there are a few names that needed to be changed. The motion carries 5-0.

Keith Thibeault from Woodcrest Drive Housing came to discuss the Selectmen's concerns with the traffic coming in and out of Woodcrest onto Mechanic Street. It's not only the kids on bikes but the residents making left hand turns when its right hand turn only. Selectman Stephens thinks the gate needs to be put back up. The rest of the board agrees. Keith stated if that the wish of the board we will get started and let the residents know. This might help with another issue we are having with people using our dumpsters that are not residents. The Board thanks Keith for his corporation.

Elisha Jackson has notice the traffic has been better and there has been less accidents on Rt10/Keene Road since the gate was removed on Woodcrest Drive.

Selectman Marsh asked Elisha if the school had sent the MS-5 to the DRA. Elisha let the board know the auditor was there last week to finish and it should be to the DRA Monday. Also the school will be returning to the Town around \$500,000. There were less kids going to Keene High, less special needs services and kids moving out of the district. Elisha stated that they received 2 bids for plowing, \$500 a plow not a storm & \$205 an hour. One is from Troy and second one is from Erving MA. Selectman Marsh believes that Dale could do the sand & salt for the school. Dale agreed but to plow the parking lot is a 4hr job. We don't have the manpower.

Chief Phillips and Gene Park were asked to come this week to discuss the Animal Control position. Selectman Kilanski feels that we didn't need the position. Selectman Stephens doesn't believe we should get rid of the position. We tried it years ago and it did not work. Selectman Marsh asked what is the policy currently we have for Gene? He is responsible for dogs and some cats. Chief Phillips stated its all

animals, dogs, cats, horses, raccoons ECT. It's not just bringing dogs to the pound. If there is an animal that might have rabies, Gene has to take the head to Concord for testing. If there is complaint of abuse of a horse, Gene has to observe the animal and find a place for them. To take this away from the residents would not be fair. The Police budget is lower than last year. Gene would like the board know that it's not just dog calls. He works with fish & Game; he has food donated to handout, works at all hours of the day & night. Selectman Kilanski asked if they are required to call in NHSPCA and do the police have to be called to any dog bite call. The Chief stated they changed the law. NHSPCA used to do the prosecuting, but now the police departments are in charge of it. The police do not have to go to a call involving a dog bite, unless it's several dogs and multiple people where help is needed. Selectman Fraser adds we have tried this before not have the position and there are too many calls. We need the position. Paul Bogdonoff was in favor for keeping Gene and the position and is shocked that this is being entertained. His dogs are very skittish and have gotten lose. Gene is the only person the dogs would go to.

Dale has a highway budget of \$528,190. Which is less than last year? He made a cut in the sand & gravel line, because they were able to make so much this year. Selectman Fraser would like to put back \$1500 in the weather software. Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to increase the weather software for \$1499 and the Highway budget for \$529,689. Selectman Williams seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. Selectman Marsh would like to revisit the overtime line after the totals are adjusted.

Both Dale and Rick have had an issue with the Back-ho for the past 2 month. Dale has written a letter Southworth-Milton Inc. Along with making several phone calls that have not been returned. They want to make the BOS aware of the issue and that are working on getting answers.

On November 3rd Rick and SWRPC will be attending the review for the CDBG grant for the Jones Road project. Also on November 15th there is a workshop for CDGB funding. Selectman Fraser thinks that Amy and Karey should go. It would be helpful because they will be the ones involved with the funding of the grant.

Margaret would like to put a flyer into the tax bills with some general/helpful information on the Town. The board is fine with flyer.

A letter from Gus letting the Board know there were bullet holes in the roof of the Pavilion on Old Mill Ct. There was damage to the storage unit nearby too. The police are aware and think it could be caused by a pellet gun.

Denis Murphy is looking to have 3 Selectmen at next week's Election 11/8/16. Selectmen Fraser, Kilanski, Williams and Stephens will be there.

Savings Bank of Walpole's can offer the interest rate of 1.60% for 90 days. The paperwork will be ready for next week's meeting.

Planning Board would like the Selectmen's input on the downtown district map. Selectman Marsh thought maybe the line should go up to the 5 corners on Elm Street. Barry Montgomery disagrees with planning board on this map. It should also go down Ashuelot Street on both sides. The Selectmen let Barry know that it is not up to them.

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve Certified Ambulance Group Inc in the amount of \$446.79. Selectman Kilanski seconds. The motion carries 5-0

Third order of business Public comment:

Selectman Marsh asked if anyone read in the paper the State Election Law on wearing campaign pins, stickers, hat ect into the voting areas. We should put something on the door as you come into the town hall.

Selectman Kilanski reminded the board the auction at 96 Main Street is this Saturday 11/5/16 @10am.

Karey was asked by Peg if the board might have any ideas for a Deputy Welfare Officer?

Karey informed the Board that Saturday November 19th at 8am the Budget Committee will be meeting. They have asked the department heads to come in at certain times. Also wanted to let the RED Committee the hall will be occupied. The board doesn't see any issue with sharing the space.

Forth order of business: Adjournment

Selectman Williams makes a motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Selectman Kilanski seconds. The motion carries 5-0.


Minutes respectfully submitted:
Karey Miner, Interim Administrator

Minutes approved by the board on:

Minutes signed by:



Roberta Fraser, Chairman



Karey Miner, Interim Administrator